



### Wilmington City Council

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[www.wilmingtonnc.gov](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov)

### General Information Phone Numbers

Citizen Services Information ..... 341-7800  
Emergency ..... 911  
Police/Non-Emergency ..... 343-3600  
Fire/Non-Emergency ..... 341-7846  
Parks and Recreation ..... 341-7855  
Street Maintenance ..... 341-7879  
Parking ..... 762-5678  
Zoning ..... 254-0900  
Trash pickup ..... 341-7875  
Recycling ..... 341-7875  
Water and Sewer ..... 341-7806  
City's website ..... [www.wilmingtonnc.gov](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov)

### City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are generally held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public. There is time for public information at each Council hearing; interested persons can sign up to speak for up to five minutes by filling out a form at the City Clerk's Office located in City Hall. Requests will be taken up to noon the day before the meeting. Meetings are held in City Council Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall at 102 N. Third Street. Agendas for upcoming meetings are posted on the city web site at [www.wilmingtonnc.gov](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov)

### City Council Meeting Broadcasts

Council meetings are broadcast live on GTV-8, the City Channel on Timewarner cable. Council meetings are replayed the week of the meeting at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. on Friday as well as 11:30 p.m. the following week. GTV-8 also carries live coverage of Planning Commission meetings and a variety of other programs about City events and activities. For questions about programming on GTV-8, contact station manager Dylan Lee at 341-4675.

### This Week from City Hall

For a quick look at what's happening in the city, see the GTV-8 show "This Week from City Hall." The show gives a bimonthly recap of City events and key Council decisions. It can be seen on GTV-8 the Friday following City Council meetings at 8 p.m. and runs daily for one week at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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### 2 Fresh Locations FARMERS' MARKET NOW OPEN

Saturday 8 am - 12 noon  
**Riverfront Market**  
Water Street  
(between Princess and  
Market Streets)

Wednesday 9 am - 1 pm  
**Halyburton Market**  
4099 S. 17th Street



**254-0907**

[www.wilmingtonfarmers.com](http://www.wilmingtonfarmers.com)

### July 4th Downtown Wilmington Celebration

Come down to the River and enjoy food, arts and entertainment during the Street Fair and later, light up the night with a special fireworks display.

**Street Fair**  
5:30 - 9:30 pm

**Fireworks**  
at 9:05 pm

## Convention center project in high gear

The city has successfully negotiated a unique development agreement to build and operate the downtown convention center without property tax dollars.

Specially enacted legislation devotes funds from the city 3% hotel room tax to build the convention center. The private development team for the project will operate, maintain and repair the convention center at their expense and will assume all profits or losses. The nationally known firm Armada Hoffer Development based in Virginia Beach, Va. heads up the development team for the convention center.



Citizens take part in design input process.

The city expects a preliminary design to be ready in early June. In April, the city held a series of meetings to gather input about what attributes citizens most want to see included in the design of convention center. Input received at showed that citizens want a facility that is: environmentally friendly, unique and high quality, provides river access, and connects well with downtown Wilmington.

### By the numbers

- 100,000+ square-foot convention center on North Front Street
- 250-275 room Marriott Hotel
- 100-room expansion, existing Best Western Hotel
- Convention Center funded by 3% hotel room tax
- Hotel paid for by developer



- Mayor's Convention Center Task Force Chairman Dale Smith, 617-0277
- City of Wilmington Public Information Office, 342-2736
- [www.wilmingtonnc.gov](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov)

### Next steps

- Preliminary design concept by early June
- Expect to break ground in mid-2006
- Expect to open center in early, 2008

### Why

The Convention Center will be an economic catalyst for the area.

### Examples

- Hundreds of jobs will be created by construction and long-term operation of the convention center and hotel.
- Convention center and resulting businesses will increase the property tax base and increase hotel and sales tax revenues.

### What you can do to keep Greenfield Lake Clean:

“By using a variety of approaches in a systematic fashion, we believe we can have a much greater long-term impact on the clean-up of the lake,” said Storm Water Services Manager Dave Mayes, who is overseeing the project.

Four main ingredients have contributed to the algae growth at Greenfield Lake: Pet waste, leaves and grass clippings, fertilizers and sediment accumulation. These ingredients run off into storm water drains and then dump into Greenfield Lake.

- There are several things you can do to help cut down on storm water runoff:**
- Never dump anything into a storm drain or ditch.
  - Clean up after your pet.
  - Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly.
  - Put leaves and grass clippings in a bag for trash pickup.
  - Wash your vehicle on the lawn rather than on the pavement.

**i** 343-4777

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### Water quality improving at Greenfield Lake

All types of things are going into Greenfield Lake these days – all as part of a long-term effort to improve water quality.

The 110-acre lake has long been plagued with excessive algae and aquatic weed growth because of storm water runoff from nearby homes.

In January, the city put 1,000 sterile carp into the lake to eat the algae. In February, the city installed systems to help increase water circulation. In April and May, water was drawn down from the lake in order to apply a specially designed herbicide that gets rid of nuisance vegetation in the lake. The herbicide is being applied at very low, safe levels.

In August, the lake will be cleaned again by removing nuisance plants and applying herbicides in problem areas.



City staff work to clean up lake.

### City builds annual budget

The city is now in the process of developing a budget for the 2005-06 fiscal year. City Council is expected to adopt a budget in June. The budget proposed by City Manager Sterling Cheatham to City Council on May 3 includes significant enhancements in public safety, but does not include a tax increase, or any reductions in services.

**Highlights of proposed budget**  
Total: \$127,898,435  
Property tax rate: .46 cents  
(per \$100 assessed valuation)

**Capital improvements**  
Total: \$6,543,600  
(Repairs for sidewalks, street repair, parks maintenance, neighborhood traffic improvements, etc.)

**i** 341-7827

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#### What your money maintains

City population	92,400
Total square miles	54.3
Staff positions funded	1,136
Miles of city streets	379
Miles of sewer lines	397
Number of neighborhood parks	19
Number of recreation centers	12

(These figures are based on 2004-05 adopted budget)

### Maides Park undergoes facelift

Maides Park residents are working with city staff to identify and make improvements at the park. During a series of public meetings, citizens worked with city staff to develop a long-range plan for the park, with the help of a registered landscape architect.

Citizens identified items such as more picnic shelters and water fountains, a historical memorial and an entrance/exit gate as short-term improvements to the park. Long-term improvements include sidewalks and walking trails, a community garden, additional bathroom and sports facilities, and road improvements. Action on the short-term improvements have already begun.

Also, a historical African American cemetery next to the park has been cleaned up and cleared of underbrush. The condition of the cemetery was one of the concerns expressed by neighborhood residents before the improvement efforts began.

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Student volunteers help clean up cemetery.

### “Muni” Golf

Wilmington is fortunate to have a golf course designed by famed golf course architect Donald Ross. The “Muni” was designed in 1925 to provide the public with a quality, championship 18-hole golf course at affordable prices. Today the mission remains unchanged.

#### Tee Boxes

	Blue	White	Red
Slope	118	116	114
Rating	70.5	69.2	69.7
Yards	6564	6267	4978

Call for tee times and fees.

**i** 791-0558

### Adventure Pathways

**June 4-5 Campout Huntington Beach**  
\$30/20 (parent/child) 8:30am-12 noon

**June 11 Fly Fishing Clinic**  
\$135 8:30am-4:30pm

**June 13-17, July 11-15, July 25-29 Summer Camps Available**  
Call and Register Today!

**June 25 Morning Kayak Tour**  
\$35 9:30am-11:30am

**June 29 Asheboro Zoo**  
\$15 7:30am-7:30pm

**July 20 Full Moon Kayak Tour**  
\$35 6:00pm-8:00pm

**August 4 Kayak Roll Clinics**  
\$35 6:00pm-8:00pm

**i** 794-6001  
794-6003

[www.adventurepathways.com](http://www.adventurepathways.com)

### What's New

#### City Web Address Changes

The City of Wilmington website has a new address and a new look.

[www.wilmingtonnc.gov](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov)

The website has been redesigned in an effort to make it easier for citizens to find information. Check it out!

#### Trees Forever Program

Citizens can help make Wilmington more beautiful by donating trees to the city's new Trees Forever Program. The Trees Forever Program is designed to:

- Make Wilmington more beautiful;
- Increase home values;
- Increase the vitality of businesses;
- Recognize or memorialize individuals.

Call and donate a tree today!

**i** 341-7852

#### Non-Emergency Number

Citizens can call 341-4255 to report non-emergency events such as crowds or loud parties to city and county law enforcement. This number calls directly into the city/county 911 center. Callers do not have to identify themselves.

#### Call 341-4255 to report:

- Excessive noise
- Too many cars parked in one yard
- Large crowds
- Large, loud parties
- Code enforcement violations

The number is being promoted by the University Community Relations Task Force, which was formed last year to examine quality of life issues related to UNCW's impact on city neighborhoods.

#### New Number for Trash, Recycling

The phone number for the city's Solid Waste Management Division has been changed to **341-7875**. This is the number to call for questions about trash, yard waste collection or recycling pickup, or to arrange for pickup of bulky items.

**i** 341-7875  
Solid Waste